

REMARKS

The drawings have been objected to as failing to show reference characters. The drawings have been amended, as indicated in the attached.

Claims 26-30, 32 and 33 have been withdrawn from consideration. The restriction is moot in view of the canceled claims.

Claims 18, 19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. The rejection is moot in view of their cancellation.

Claims 1-17, 20, 22-24, 31, 34 and 35 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Zicker in view of Payne; and claim 25 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Zicker in view of Kikinis. Again, the rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of all prior claims.

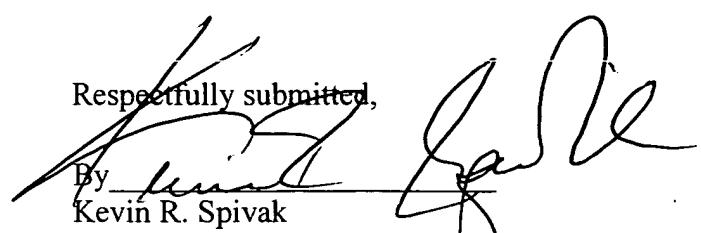
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 521102000100.

However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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